

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) An aqueous composition comprising from 5% 15 to 30% of ~~at least one organic compound having a melting point in a range from 30°C to 60°C and water solubility at 25°C of less than 0.5 %~~ 4,5-dichloro-2-octyl-3(2H)-isothiazolone, at least one inorganic filler, at least one surfactant and no more than 20% 5% organic solvent; said composition being stable with regard to agglomeration and phase separation for at least three months at room temperature.

Claim 2 has been cancelled.

3. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 2 1 containing from 18% to 25% ~~15% to 30% of said at least one isothiazolone biocide, which is selected from~~ 4,5-dichloro-2-octyl-3(2H)-isothiazolone and n-butylbenzisothiazolone.

4. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 3 in which said at least one inorganic filler comprises titanium dioxide and kaolin in a total amount from 6% to 10%, the composition contains no more than 17% 2% organic solvent, and the composition further comprises at least one thickener and at least 2% of at least one copper salt.

5. (Original) The composition of claim 4 in which said at least one organic solvent comprises at least one solvent selected from di-glycol solvents and tri-glycol solvents.

6. (Currently amended) A method for producing an aqueous dispersion comprising from 5% 15 to 30% of ~~at least one organic compound having a melting point in a range from 30°C to 60°C and water solubility at 25°C of less than 0.5 %~~ 4,5-dichloro-2-octyl-3(2H)-isothiazolone, at least one inorganic filler, at least one surfactant and no more than 20% 5% organic solvent; said dispersion being stable

with regard to agglomeration and phase separation for at least three months at room temperature; said method comprising combining in water said organic compound, the inorganic filler and the surfactant, at a temperature from 0°C to 35°C with agitation to provide a substantially uniform dispersion.

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 6 in which the dispersion contains from ~~15% 18%~~ 18% to 30% 25% of said ~~at least one isothiazolone biocide, which is selected from 4,5-dichloro-2-octyl-3(2H)-isothiazolone and n-butylbenzisothiazolone,~~ and the temperature is maintained from 2°C to 25°C.

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 7 in which said at least one inorganic filler comprises titanium dioxide and kaolin in a total amount from 6% to 10%, the dispersion contains no more than ~~17%~~ 2% organic solvent, and in which the dispersion further comprises at least one thickener and at least 2% of at least one copper salt.

Claim 9 has been cancelled.

10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 8 in which the ~~organic compound is~~ 4,5-dichloro-2-octyl-3(2H)-isothiazolone ~~which is melted prior to addition to other ingredients.~~